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Secret Origins #1

From the ashes of the epic ***Crisis on Infinite Earths*** arises a *new* ***DC Universe***—a single, united world where the heroes and villains from the once-various earths now reside. To celebrate this historic event, and to chronicle the new dimensions of our heroes' lives, ***DC*** announces— ***Secret Origins.***

Secret Origins is exactly that—a revelation of the beginnings of ***DC*** greats! For the premiere of this unprecedented, ongoing series, writer/editor Roy Thomas ***(Infinity, Inc., All-Star Squadron)*** teams up with renowned artists Wayne Boring and Jerry Ordway. The first issue will feature, appropriately enough, the *original* Superman. Boring returns to the *Man of Steel* from his early penciling days to link artistic forces with Ordway. If you've seen their Jor-El page in ***Who's Who #12,*** you *know* the combo is a winner!

Exciting? We haven't even told you about the format yet! In ***Secret Origins,*** the odd-numbered issues retell the origins of ***DC's*** *Golden Age* heroes *in chronological order* (for example, #3—Captain Marvel, #5—Crimson Avenger), and the even-numbered issues retell the secrets behind the *modern* heroes, such as members of the Teen Titans, The Outsiders, etc. ***And:*** Each issue will be created by a different artistic team! Speaking of which, get set for next month when Len Wein and Gil Kane bring you all the facts about The Blue Beetle—soon to star in his own series!

Secret Origins — *each issue is a collector's item, no collection will be complete without them!*

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Atari Force Returns!

Dart, a balding Babe, and a lost Hukka side by side? Yep! All in ***Atari Force Special #1!*** And we mean *special!* ***Three separate stories*** — each one artfully rendered by a separate team-up of talent! 48 pages! And ... ***no ads!***

Leading off with *the origin of Dart,* Andy Helfer, Paul Kupperberg, and Marshall Rogers delve into Dart's early days and provide answers to lots of questions, including how Dart met Blackjak and the story behind those tattoos. *In story #2,* Babe sheds his coat—and the scales underneath are discovered to be priceless gems! By Dwight Zimmerman and James Fry. *And a third story!* Hukka stumbles on a cult of hero-worshipping creatures. Come along as Paul Kupperberg and talented newcomer Tristan Shane host a romp into the hilarious!

April Listings

December 11th/January 3rd

Fury of Firestorm #46—In this ***crossover with Blue Devil #23***. Blue Devil discovers an unconscious Firestorm on a busy highway, and it's a "Deadly Prelude" of what's to come! By Gerry Conway. Pencils by J.J. Brozowski, inks by Mike Machlan. Cover by Brozowski and Rick Magyar.

DC Comics Presents #92 —If you were a criminal, who'd *you* rather have after you, Superman or Vigilante? By Paul Kupperberg, penciled by Curt Swan, inked by Dave Hunt, with a cover by Eduardo Barreto.

Best of DC Digest #71—An explosion of talent in this ***last issue! 1985's*** *best* stories, including Swamp Thing, Ambush Bug, Superman, Batman, Blue Devil, and more!

Justice League of America #249–Something is draining the life-blood out of the J.L.A. Can they stop it before it kills them? Scripted by Gerry Conway, penciled by Luke McDonnell, inked by Bill Wray. Cover by McDonnell and Wray.

Hex #8 —In this shooting gallery of the future, Hex is the prime target! By Michael Fleisher, Ron Wagner, and Carlos Garzon. Cover by Denys Cowan and Garzon.

Tales of the Teen Titans #64—A dark cloud casts its shadow over victorious cheers. Does Trigon's defeat mean the end of Raven? This classic tale by Marv Wolfman, George Perez, and Romeo Tanghal was *originally presented in* ***New Teen Titans #5. Brand-new*** cover by Brian Bolland.

Legionnaires Three #3 *mini-series*—It's a *battle royale* in the Time Trapper's citadel! Can our heroes save baby Graym in time? Plot by Keith Giffen, dialogue by Mindy Newell. Pencils by Ernie Colon, inks by Karl Kesel. Cover by Colon and Kesel. *Part 3 of 4.*

Vigilante #28—Paul Kupperberg, Tod Smith, and Rick Magyar introduce the ***new*** Vigilante! ***Plus:*** The fate of Adrian Chase! A *collectible painted cover* by Bill Sienkiewicz. *Deluxe format.*

The Outsiders #6—A new villain invades the Outsiders' headquarters and our heroes learn that nothing can stop the *Duke of Oil!* By Mike W. Barr and Jim Aparo. ***Plus:*** "Outsiders at the Bat"—an offbeat featurette by Jim Engel. A pin-up by Brian Bolland. *Deluxe format.*

December 18th/January 10th

Batman #394—The Cossack threatens Batman and all of Gotham as Doug Moench's mind-bending story concludes! Illustrations and cover by guest-artist supreme, Paul Gulacy!

'Mazing Man #4—Guido gets a *new* Trans-Am! *Ahhhh, life has meaning at last!* Bob Rozakis, Stephen DeStefano, and Karl Kesel deliver more of the inside scoop on 'Mazing Man's wacky buddies. ***Plus:*** Pandemonium abounds in "Hygiene Hijinx"—a day in the life of K.P., the dental assistant. Pencils by Stephen DeStefano, inks by Gary Martin. Cover by DeStefano and Kesel.

Amethyst #14—New lessons for Amethyst begin as she struggles to come to terms with her blindness! ***Plus:*** Carnelian returns to the Gemworld, bearing his father's evil legacy! Plotted by Keith Giffen, dialogued by Robert Loren Fleming, penciled by Ernie Colon, inked by Bob Smith, with a cover by Colon and Kesel.

Aquaman #3 *mini-series*—By Neal Pozner, pencils by Craig Hamilton, inks by Steve Montano. Cover by Hamilton and P. Craig Russell. Nuada and Aquaman must save a city from Ocean Master's most powerful magicks! ***Plus:*** Aquaman's origin retold! *Part 3 of 4.*

Superman #418—Cary Bates is a man with a question on his mind: *Who* will be Superman's successor when the *"Man of Steel"* is no longer on Earth? Illustrated by the dynamic team of Curt Swan and Dave Hunt. Cover by Eduardo Barreto.

Star Trek® #25—*First* the Ajir arrive, *now* the Grond, and *Kirk surrenders ... again!* Diane Duane's script is penciled by Tom Sutton and inked by Ricardo Villagran. A Jim Starlin cover!

Secret Origins #1 —Starting with the original *Man of Steel,* this unprecedented series chronicles the origins of ***DC's*** greatest! ***Premiere issue*** written by Roy Thomas and illustrated by Wayne Boring and Jerry Ordway!

Elvira's House of Mystery® #2—Joey Cavalieri invites you on an eerie journey "In Quest of a Caretaker." Elvira's search for Cain takes her to bloody, feudal Japan and Samurai Warriors! Penciled and inked by Bob Oksner. Cover by Denys Cowan and Rick Magyar.

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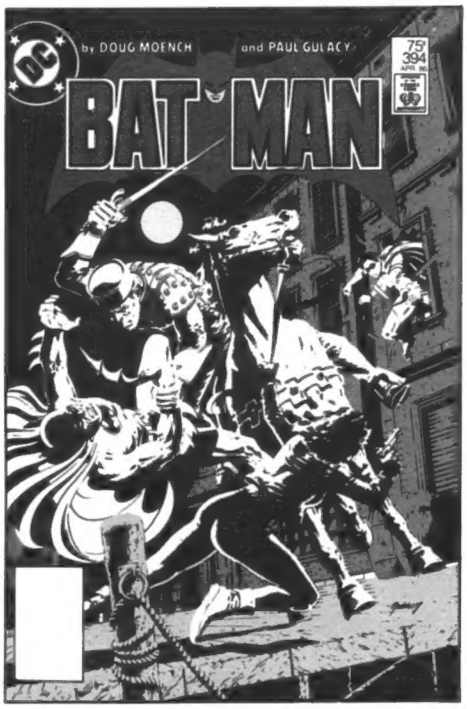
***Omega Men* #37**—On Kuraq, a plague of two-dimensional killers threatens Tigorr, Harpis, and Oho-Besh. *Meanwhile*, Elu's on board the command ship alone, surrounded by Psions who would just love to keep him company. Todd Klein's script and Martin King's art amaze! *Painted cover* by Shawn McManus! *Deluxe format!* **No ads!**

***The Legion of Super-Heroes* #21**—A *new* Fatal Five are in the making and the mystery behind Sensor Girl mounts! Script by Paul Levitz, pencils by Greg LaRocque, inks by Larry Mahlstedt. **Plus:** A Quislet back-up penciled by Paris Cullins! Cover by LaRocque and Mahlstedt. *Deluxe format.*

***Shadow of the Batman* #5** *mini-series*—**Last issue!** A mourning Batman releases his anguish on the thugs of Gotham, among them the *new* Clayface! By Len Wein. Inside art by Marshall Rogers and Dick Giordano. A *wraparound cover* by Rogers. *Deluxe reprint.*



December 24th / January 17th

***Swamp Thing* #47**—Self-discoveries abound when Swamp Thing comes face-to-face with his ancestors! By Alan Moore. Pencils by Stan Woch, inks by Ron Randall. Cover by Stephen Bissette and John Totleben.

***Batman and the Outsiders* #32**—Batman quits the Outsiders! For real! *Starting with issue #33, the series will be titled, "Adventures of the Outsiders."* If you've been avidly reading BATO, you know that something happened to cause the split, but what??? Join Mike W. Barr and Alan Davis as they reveal the inside scoop on this historic departure! **Plus:** A second feature: "Looker's Body: An Owner's Manual."

***Green Lantern* #199**—The Crisis on Infinite Earths is over and all is well. Well, *not* for Hal Jordan. Not yet, anyway. His personal crisis is just beginning! Script by Steve Englehart. Penciled by Joe Staton, with a cover by Staton and Patterson.

***Sgt. Rock* #409**—"Friendly Fire" by Bob Kanigher, Adrian Gonzales, and Andy Kubert. In the chaos of war, the enemy sometimes turns out to be on your own side! Cover by Joe Kubert.

***Warlord* #104**—An angry allosaurus continues his relentless pursuit of Morgan—hell-bent on destroying him! By Mike Fleisher. And welcome Ron Randall as *new* regular artist on the series! Cover by Mike Grell.

***Blue Devil* #23**—In this **crossover with *Firestorm* #46**, Blue Devil is deluged with baddies. Come to Pittsburgh for the major duke-out of the season between B.D. and Firestorm, Mindboggler, Hyena, Multiplex, and Bolt! By Gary Cohn and Dan Mishkin, penciller Alan Kupperberg, and inker Bill Collins. Cover by Paris Cullins and Gary Martin.

***Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe* #14**, *maxi-series*—Midway through the alphabet and look who's here—four Luthors, two Manhunters, the Marvel Family, Martian Manhunter, and many more! Len Wein's classic series hosts myriad talented artists. Cover by George Perez!

***Booster Gold* #3**—Dan Jurgens and Mike DeCarlo bring you fast action, high-powered deals, dinner with a Hollywood starlet, and an unexpected tryst!

***Infinity, Inc.* #25**—The Infinitors' debate over adding new members is really sizzling when Carcharo strikes! By Roy and Dann Thomas. Pencils by Todd McFarlane, inks by Tony DeZuniga, and a cover by McFarlane and Dick Giordano. *Deluxe format.*

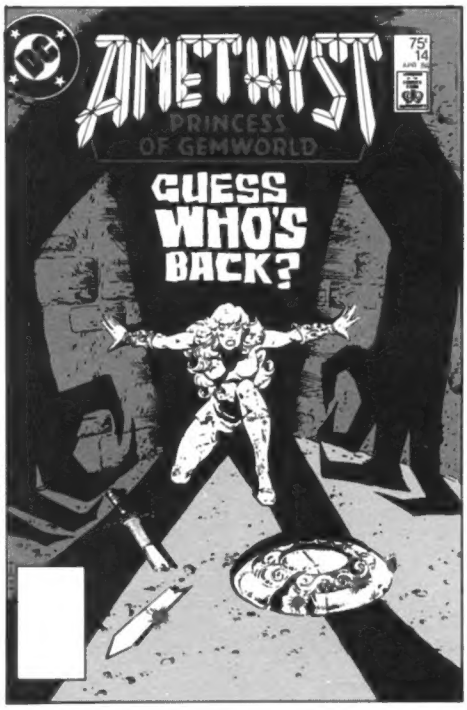
***The New Teen Titans* #19**—Nightwing refuses to follow the other Titans and goes off on his own. Is this the end for the New Teen Titans? Scripted by Marv Wolfman, penciled by Eduardo Barreto, inked by Romeo Tanghal. Cover by George Perez! *Deluxe format.*

January 1st / January 24th

***V*™ #15**—In Chicago, Ham Tyler comes to Prince Bron's aid, and Diana lays siege to Los Angeles! Cary Bates' all-action story is penciled by Carmine Infantino and inked by Tony DeZuniga. Cover by Jerry Bingham.

***Deadman* #2** *mini-series*—Deadman seeks out the Sensei to avenge his brother's death *but* meets instead with a violent surprise! Andy Helfer and Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez cast a spell of intrigue! *Part 2 of 4!*

***Action* #578**—What could possibly cause the public to turn on Superman and idolize a nobody? Craig Boldman's script and Kurt Schaffenberger's art hold the answer. Cover by Eduardo Barreto.



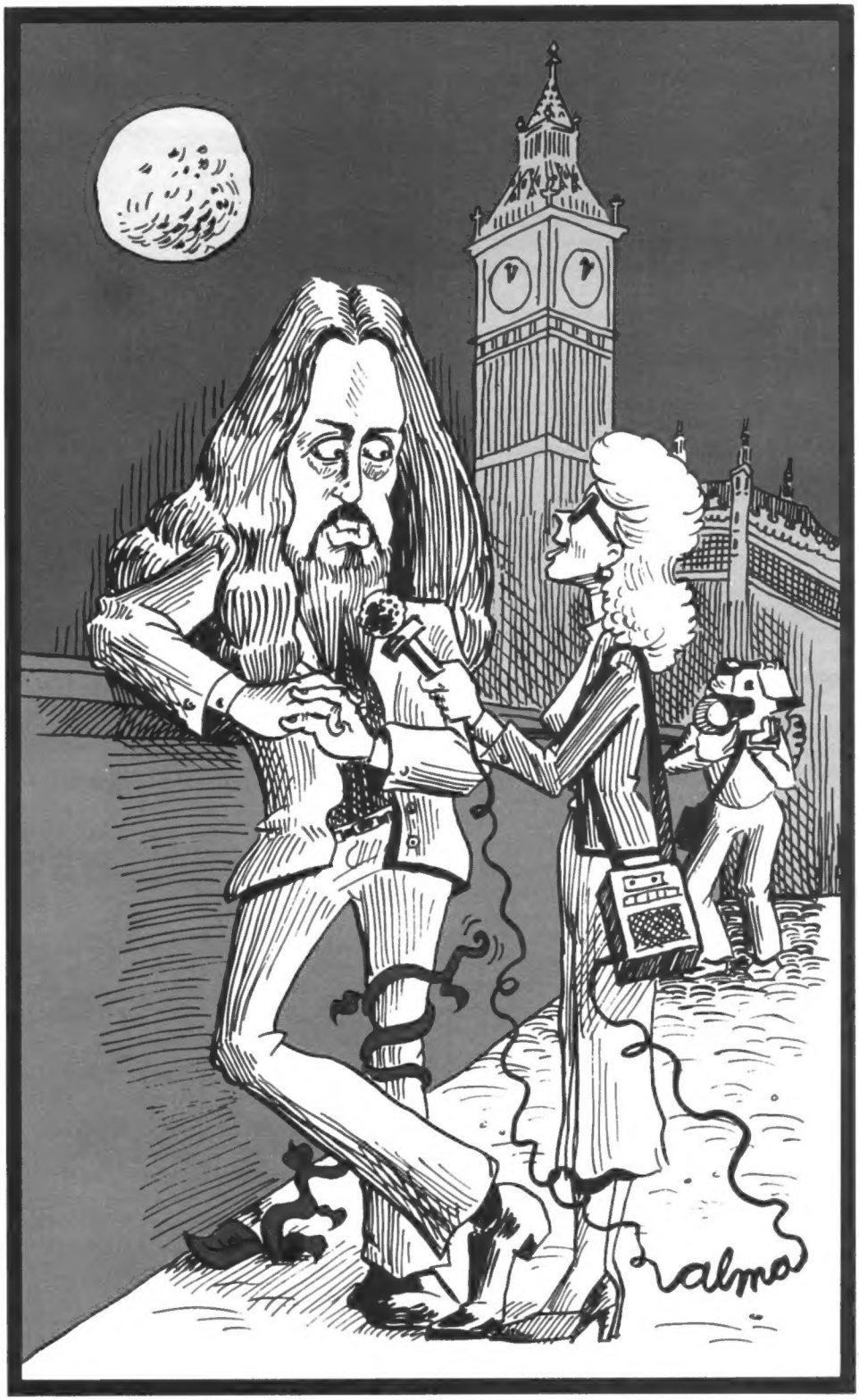
***Detective* #561**—*New* dangers, *new* thrills for Batman, Robin, and *you!* By Doug Moench, pencils by Gene Colan, inked by Bob Smith. **Plus:** "Green Arrow" by Joey Cavalieri, Jerome Moore, and Del Marras. Cover by Colan and Dick Giordano.

***All-Star Squadron* #56**—The Seven Soldiers of Victory in their greatest adventure. Because *you* demanded it! By Roy Thomas. Mike Clark pencils, Vince Colletta inks. **Plus:** A **back-up** story featuring Dr. Mid-Nite by Mike Harris and Tony DeZuniga. Cover by Clark and DeZuniga.

***DC Challenge* #6**—**It's...who???** *All right, here goes!* It's Albert Einstein to the rescue of Batman, Silent Knight, Deadman, Rip Hunter, and ... everyone else! Challengers for this issue: writer, Elliot S! Maggin; penciller, Dan Jurgens; inker, Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by Jurgens and Mahlstedt.

***Atari Force*™ *Special* #1**—The cult favorites return with 48 pages, *including* a 20-page Marshall Rogers story spotlighting the origin of Dart! By Andy Helfer, Marshall Rogers, Kyle Baker, and more!

***Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #334**—The Legionnaires reunite, and alien terrorists hit Hong Kong. **Plus:** Timberwolf in a dilemma of his own! Story by Paul Levitz. Pencils by Steve Lightle, inks by Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by Lightle and Mahlstedt.



DC People...

By now many of you have seen the ***Alan Moore Interview*** video in your favorite comic book store. I've received numerous phone calls and letters from retailers and fans alike telling me how much they enjoyed seeing the *infamous* ***Swamp Thing*** author on film. As a matter of fact, the response was so enthusiastic that in the typical Hollywood success story tradition, we decided to film a sequel—***Alan Moore II!*** *Better yet!* ***DC Comics in London with Alan Moore.*** That's right, fans, we went all the way to London, England, to track down one of your favorite ***DC*** writers! As the London Comic Book Art Convention was being held the same weekend we had scheduled to film, we were able to tape portions of the con—including a panel discussion on ***Swamp Thing with Alan, John Totleben, and Steve Bissette.***

On Monday we interviewed Alan on the patio of one of the oldest pubs in London, The Prospect of Whitby, built on the banks of the Thames river. Two hours later, we broke for a British "pub lunch," which included such delicacies as Scotch eggs, smoked salmon, shepherd's pie, Stilton cheese, pickles, and, of course, a pint of ale. We were able to speak at length with John and Steve on their roles in the success of ***Swamp Thing*** and also talked about some of their upcoming projects. The filming concluded at the amazing London Dungeon Museum, certainly one of the scariest places I've ever been. Keep in mind as you're viewing this film that the guillotine is real! (As are the rats!!)

A special thanks to the following people for their assistance in making this film: Hussan Yusef, James Hanson, Andrew Littlefield, Frank Plowright, Chris Savva (organizers of the London Comic Book Art Con), Michael Skinner, Richard Faulkner, Richard Burton, Ken O'Neal, Michelle Totleben, Nancy Bissette, Anne Barrett, and Vera Cruz.

Over 300 fans responded to the first (and now annual) ***DC Comics Pep Rally by Mail!*** Coach Bob would like to thank everyone who sent in postcards and drawings to wish us luck. You guys are great!!! And by the way—***WE WON!!!!!!!***

Talk to you soon!

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